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BIRTH.

On December 10th, at Koba, the wife of S. E.
LUCAS, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On December 17th, at Chinkiang, Dr. MIROSLAV
URBANER, to LUCY ELIA, eldest daughter of the
late Thomas S. W. C. N. Co., and Mrs. Shaw,
Seward Road, Shanghai.

On December 21st, at Shanghai, FRANK
OSWALD RETKOWSKI, to EVELYN LILIAN, second
daughter of Daniel Addison Darling of Shanghai.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 29TH, 1909.

Those who read attentively the European
newspapers as they come to hand cannot
have failed to notice during the past few
months the very persistent reports of an
other serious quarrel impending in the Far
East between Russia and Japan. These re-
ports have ostensibly emanated from St.
Petersburg, but we do not observe in the
Japanese newspapers any indications of alarm
whatever, nor do we see in the actual situa-
tion anything to justify the panic-mongering
which has been going on. "The Far East
Cloud" is the heading given to a St.
Petersburg dispatch in a London paper of
the 3rd inst. The correspondent tells us that
the position arising out of the development
of Russia's Far Eastern policy is to-day a
remarkable one. "On the one hand it is
authoritatively stated that the negotiations
towards a Russo-Japanese Agreement are
proceeding satisfactorily, Russia having re-
cognised the necessity for more drastic
Japanese action in Korea, when on the other
hand it is beyond question that there is
decided anxiety in Government circles by
reason of the continued reports as to
Japanese intrigue." A well-known Russian

Politician is quoted as saying that the as-
sessment of Prince Iro may well have been
a calamity in a double sense, and that it is
difficult to believe that relations with Japan
are as happy as they were immediately prior
to that event. "The fact that Japan has
not been able to send a representative to
follow in the murdered Prince's footsteps
speaks for itself," says the writer of the
dispatch. We confess we are not very
sure ourselves what that sentence really
means. The inference apparently intend-
ed to be conveyed is that all the other
statesmen of Japan are hostile to Russia
to such a degree that a conference between
the Russian Finance Minister and any one
of them might have caused "the cloud"
to burst, and Manchuria to be deluged in
blood again. But it seems to us that there
is more than one perfectly simple reason
why Japan did not send a representative to
Harbin to take the place of the murdered
Prince. Firstly, it takes several days to get
from Tokyo to Harbin, and M. Kokovtsov
was paying but a flying visit to the great
railway junction and was due back in St.
Petersburg on a fixed date which did not
make a long stay at any point on the route
possible. Secondly, it was quite con-
ceivable that Japan had no statesman
of high rank sufficiently acquainted with
all the details of the problem to
dispatch at a moment's notice. These are
both intelligible reasons for the omission to
send a representative, and even if neither of
them offers the real explanation we can be
quite sure that whatever the explanation
may be it does not bear the significance
given to it in the newspaper dispatch from
St. Petersburg which we have quoted.
Evidently one effect of the war has been to
create greater public interest in European
Russia in the Eastern dominions of
the Tsar and in Manchuria, the
scene of the great struggle, and the reports
which have been reaching Russia from the
East have led, we are told, to a growing belief
in St. Petersburg that Japan will not rest
satisfied until she has secured the control of
Manchuria. Thousands of Japanese agents it
is represented, are busily sowing seed which,
in the event of a new struggle, will bear its
fruit. But the circumstance which causes the
most uneasiness to Russian officialdom is that
the coast from Vladivostok to Nicolaievsk is
being "systematically explored by Japanese
ships of war," and it is suggested that
Japan regards the acquisition of this coast
as a necessary condition to an exchange
of territory, but they are so vague and
shadowy that, for the present at any rate,
they cannot be taken seriously.

We observe, however, that one correspon-
dent at St. Petersburg says that Russian
opinion has come to recognise that the
reports of friction between Russia and Japan
have no real foundation in fact and under-
stands that they are only a move in an
unscrupulous diplomatic campaign. It is
suggested that these reports are inspired by
other interested Powers and that the object
of the campaign is to divert Russia's attention
from her new task of internal consolidation
and problems of European concern. Cer-
tainly it is difficult to explain the reports
on any other grounds, for there is nothing
in the situation in the Far East to justify
the alarm which is being manufactured in
Europe. The interests of both Powers in
Manchuria have been defined by agreements,
and on the part of both a genuine desire
has been manifested to encourage friendly
relations. It was doubtless with a view to
further consolidating these that Prince Iro
journeyed to Harbin to confer with the
Russian Minister of Finance, and not be-
cause any crisis had arisen in the relations
between the two Powers. What is needed
in Manchuria is a common railway policy
and as far as can be gathered that was the
principal matter for discussion. No "cloud"
is hanging over the north eastern quarter of
the continent of Asia and so long as the
policies of Russia and Japan remain what
they are at the present time there is no
justification for anticipating any serious
quarrel between the two Powers.

A Portuguese case of diphtheria was the only
case of communicable disease reported in the
Colony last week.

A notification appears in our advertisement
columns that the entries for the Hongkong
Football Challenge Shield competition close on
January 6th.

The revenue staff is being increased. Police
Sergeant Clark at Taiipo and Mr. Frederick J.
Loat, land bailiff at Antau, have been appointed
preventive officers for the New Territory.

The total output of the Chinese Engineering
and Mining Company's three mines for the
week ending 4th December amounted to
27,789.97 tons and the sales during the period
to 24,346.62 tons.

The U.S. cruisers *West Virginia* and
Pennsylvania leave Hongkong to-morrow.

A large launch will leave Kowloon Police
Pier at 8.50 p.m. on Friday to convey guests to
the dance on board the *Tamer*.

Mr. Hickhook, residing at the Peak Hotel,
has just informed the police that on Tuesday
or Wednesday last he lost a gold enamelled
turquoise bracelet probably in the vicinity of
St. Paul's College.

Miss Phyllis Lamont (daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. G. P. Lamont), who is now at Beaumont
School, Dover, has passed, with honours, the
Trinity College (London) Junior Examination
for Pianoforte playing.

The Hongkong Police have been informed of
an extensive robbery which took place at Macao
on Sunday night, when there was stolen from
the Customs Station at Ma Lau Chow \$6,152,
two lady's gold watches, two gold chains and
other jewellery. The thieves have not been
traced.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library
and Museum for the week ending the 26th De-
cember, 1909, (exclusive of Christmas Day)
shows that of non-Chinese there were 451 to
the Library and 273 to the Museum, and of
Chinese 199 to the former and 2,423 to the
latter. The Library was, therefore, used by
450 persons and the Museum by 2,696.

The opening ceremony of the Hongkong
Islam Club, promoted by the Indian merchants,
took place on Sunday afternoon, at the Club
premises, No. 19, Queen's Road Central. The
rooms were decorated, and there was a large
gathering of members and friends, both
Mahomedans and Parsees. Light refreshments
were served, and a very enjoyable afternoon
was spent.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial
and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge
with thanks the following donations to the funds
of the Hospitals:—
Capt. MacKenzie \$25
Basel Mission Church 25
A Patient (Wong Sik) 20
Students of St. Stephen's College
for X'mas treat to Children
(Special) 20

The peculiar case which had been engaging
the attention of Mr. E. Halifax at the
Magistracy in which a man named Francis Clark,
who describes himself as an Italian, speaks
Portuguese and was born in Hongkong, was
charged with obtaining \$42 by false pretences
from one Fag Toma Baki was concluded yester-
day. The story for the prosecution was that
the defendant told the complainant that the
man with whom she lived had been arrested and
that \$42 was needed to bail him out. As the
complainant had not the money herself she got
her aunt to furnish it, but when she proceeded to
the Police Station she was met by the
defendant, who took the money from her hand
and fled. The woman was represented by
one who lived with the woman and called himself
her husband told the defendant to do as he had
done. His Worship sentenced the defendant
to six weeks' hard labour.

MACAO.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Only in the Cathedral was a midnight mass
celebrated this year, and the service was a very
imposing one—but much too long. It began at
10 p.m. and ended about 2 a.m.

A BIG FIRE.

At 10.30 p.m. on Christmas night a fire broke
out in Rua d'el Rei, near the steamer wharves, and
destroyed sixteen houses. The fire started in a
joss-stick shop, and soon spread to the other side
of the street and burned furiously till midnight.
The debris continued to smoulder until Sunday
night. Most of the property destroyed was
newly-bait.

THE DYING YEAR.

The year 1909 when it dawned found us
bonyant with the hope that a more pros-
perous time for the Colony might be expected
in the course of the year. Early in the year
the Government announced its scheme for
dredging the harbour, and then came the news
of the appointment of Commissioners to
delimitate the boundary of the Colony. Alas!
the hopes which were based on these announce-
ments have not been satisfactorily fulfilled.
Business generally in the Colony has reached
a lower mark than ever, and the prevalent
feeling is one of despair. Not one of the
government monopolies which have been put
up to public tender during the year was let.
The Leal Senado is without funds even to pay
the wages of the employees. Our present
Governor, Senhor Marques, who has been in the
Colony now about three months, has been
making a thorough investigation of affairs
generally, and we trust that in the coming year
he may be able to do something to help the
Colony to regain some of its former prosperity.

BANDMANN COMEDY COMPANY.

No better fare could be offered than the light
comedies presented by the Bandmann Company,
and their uniform success was again apparent
last night when a good audience gave itself up
unreservedly to the full enjoyment of that
latest London success "The Best People."
It has not been given before in Hongkong and
the admirable rendering provided by the capable
company is likely to stamp the piece as one
of the Colony's favourites. It went well, and
for this the artists deserve their meed of
praise. Everybody showed to advantage.

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DEATH OF A NOTED GERMAN
BANKER.

LONDON, December 27th.

The well-known German Banker,
Herr Ernst Meidelssohn Bartholdy,
is dead.

DESTRUCTIVE BLIZZARD
IN AMERICA.

LONDON, December 28th.

The worst blizzard that has been
experienced for twenty years has
occurred in the Eastern part of the
United States. It has been respon-
sible for fifteen deaths.

At New York it caused three deaths
and 1,500 people were rendered home-
less.

A tidal wave occurred at Chelsea,
Massachusetts, and at Philadelphia 22
inches of snow fell.

M. PICHON ON FRENCH
FOREIGN POLICY.

LONDON, December 28th.

In the French Chamber of Deputies
M. Pichon, the Foreign Minister,
made a statement on the country's
foreign policy. France and Russia,
he said, were never more closely
united, and the Anglo-Russian rap-
prochement was an additional element
in the extremely cordial Anglo-French
entente. The recent meeting of the
Tsar and King Emmanuel sufficiently
demonstrated the accord of Russia
and Italy. The differences with
Germany regarding Morocco had been
settled and both Powers were loyally
acting in accord, causing an immediate
improvement in the diplomatic situa-
tion in Europe. But the Franco-
German agreement was restricted to
Morocco and did not apply to the
Bagdad railway or the Austrian ques-
tion. M. Pichon said a definite settlement cannot be
reached now, but all the Powers in-
terested would participate when the
time came.

A SERIOUS NAVAL INCIDENT.

An incident which has naturally caused some
little stir in naval circles in Hongkong took
place during the Christmas holidays, when the
commander of one of the British cruisers in the
harbour at present was thrown from his ricksha
by some bluejackets belonging to a visiting
American cruiser. The affair happened near
the Naval Hospital. The officer was riding in a
ricksha and the bluejackets, who were under
the influence of liquor, and decidedly frolicsome,
upset the vehicle, causing the officer to be
thrown to the ground and the ricksha fell on
top of him. He telephoned to the police, who
summoned a naval picket and the man was
arrested and handed over to their own authori-
ties by whom they will be dealt with. The
offence is a very serious one, and the offenders
will likely be severely punished. The incident
is very unfortunate in view of the friendly
relations that have always existed in Hongkong
between members of the services here and
visiting naval men belonging to other nations.

DEATH OF MR. ADOLPH BECK.

Mr. Adolph Beck, who was some years ago
the victim of a remarkable case of mistaken
identity, died on the 7th inst. in the Middlesex
Hospital, where he had been admitted suffering
from bronchitis and pleurisy. The history of
the case, which led to his punishment for crimes
he never committed, dates back to 1877, when a
man named John Smith was sentenced to the
Old Bailey for five years' penal servitude for a
peculiar type of confidence trick upon young
women. In 1896, nineteen years later, an
almost identical species of fraud engaged the
attention of the police, who arrested
Mr. Beck, against whom what appeared to be
a clear case was made out, and he
was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.
The police declared that he and John Smith were
one and the same person. Mr. Beck protested
his innocence, but to no purpose. At last when
his period of punishment was ended he devoted
his energies to proving that he had been guilty
less. But early in 1904 the police discovered
that "John Smith's" confidence tricks were
again being played and Mr. Beck was once
more arrested and convicted. He had long
been of opinion that he had a "double" in the
London streets for whose guilt he was suffering.
Regrettably for Mr. Beck, he was never
given sentences for his second conviction another
man, bearing a strange resemblance to him, was
arrested upon similar charges. The subsequent
police investigations proved Mr. Beck to have
been absolutely innocent, not only of the first
alleged fraud, for which he served his term of
penal servitude, but of the one for which he
was expecting to be sent to goal. On the facts
of the case becoming known, Mr. Beck was
released from prison on his own recognisances,
and subsequently he received pardon for both
offences for which he had been wrongly con-
victed. A sum of £5,000 was awarded him as
compensation by the Home Office.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

BUFFS C. H.M.S. "KING ALFRED."
A match will be played this afternoon on the
Military Ground, Happy Valley, kick-off at
3 p.m., between the Buffs and H.M.S. *King
Alfred*. The Buffs will be represented by—
Blake, Barrand and Baldry, Collopy, Tompsett
and Ogilvie; Sales and Holloway; Rutter; Stiff
and Coleman. Referee, Sgt. Edwards.

AN INTERPORT GOLF CUP.

We are glad to learn that the Shanghai Golf
Club has authorized the Committee to offer to
present a Cup, to be known as the Shanghai
Golf Cup, value about \$1,000, for competition
between Golf Clubs in China, Hongkong and
Japan. The conditions are as follows:
(1) Medal Play 36 holes.
(2) Teams not to consist of more than five men,
and the three best scores to count. The team
returning the lowest score in the aggregate to be
declared the winners. In the event of a
tie a further 18 holes to be played.
(3) The first match to be held in Shanghai
in April, 1910, exact date to be communicated
later; subsequent competitions to be held
annually on the Links of the Club holding
the Cup.

It is suggested that at the meetings arranged
in connection with this Cup the Individual Golf
Championship of the Far East might be played.
—N.C. Daily News.

THE NEW FIRST SEA LORD.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Arthur Knyvet
Wilson, V.C., the successor of Sir John Fisher
as First Sea Lord, was born on March 4, 1842,
and entered the Navy in June, 1855. As a
midshipman of the *Albatross* he served in the
Black Sea during the Crimean War and received
the Crimean and Turkish medals. At the end
of 1856 he went out to the China Station in the
Raleigh, broad pennant of Sir Harry Keppel,
and after her wreck near Macao in the following
March, joined the *Calcutta*, flagship of Sir M.
Culme-Seymour. He was present at the capture
of Canton on December 29, 1857, and the
destruction of the *Taka Fort* on May 21, 1858,
and wears the China medal with clasps for those
actions. He next went to the *Towhee*, screw
frigate, on the Pacific Station, and on March 4,
1861, was promoted to sub-lieutenant. His
lieutenant's commission was dated December
11, 1861.

In 1866 he went to the *Excellent*, and
in March, 1867, was appointed, additional,
to the flagship on the China Station and
lent to the Japanese Navy as an instructor.
From January, 1869, he served for
a year as a lieutenant on the *Britannia*,
cadet's training ship at Dartmouth, and from
September, 1870, to September, 1872, served
the *Calcutta* in the Mediterranean, being her
first lieutenant for the greater part of the time.
In October, 1872, he was appointed first lieutenant
of the *Narcissus*, flagship of the Detached
Frigate Squadron, and a year later, having
been promoted on September 18, 1873, became
commander of the *Raleigh*, Captain George
Tryon, in the same Squadron. During this
commission he gained a very high reputation
for seamanship. The *Raleigh*, after cruising
in the South Atlantic, went to Bombay to
meet the *Scorpion*, on board which ship
the Prince of Wales was returning
from his Indian visit, and escorted her
home in 1876. In April of that year he was
appointed to the *Vernon* torpedo school ship,
and remained in her after being promoted to
captain on April 20, 1880. From March, 1881,
he was in command of the *Albatross*, and
depot ship *Hecia* in the Mediterranean Fleet.
In her he was present on July 11, 1882, at the
bombardment of Alexandria, and served after-
wards ashore with the Naval Brigade. It was at
El Teb, on February 29, 1884, that he won his
V.C. by an act of daring resource which stands
out even among the records of that decoration.
In February, 1885, he was commissioned the *Raleigh*
as flagship of Sir W. Hunt Graham, for service
in the Cape and West Coast of Africa Station.
At the end of 1886 he went to the Admiralty
as Assistant Director of Torpedoes, and from
January, 1889, to February, 1892, was captain
of the torpedo school in the *Vernon*. Following
this he went again to the Mediterranean, as
captain of the battleship *Sans Pareil*, in which
ship Sir M. Culme-Seymour's flag was flown
after the loss of the *Victoria*. On June 20,
1895, he became rear-admiral, and in the
"tactical exercises" of that summer
commanded the Torpedo Squadron, including
twelve destroyers. In the Naval Manoeuvres
of 1896 he commanded a squadron, and in August
of that year went to the Admiralty as Third
Naval Lord and Controller, being on that occa-
sion, too, the successor of Sir John Fisher. In
April, 1901, he was appointed to command the
Channel Squadron, and became vice-admiral in
May. From this time onwards until the spring
of 1907 he was continually afloat in high
command. When the Home Fleet was
separated from the Naval Reserves in May,
1903, and reorganised he was appointed its
Commander-in-Chief; and at the further
reorganisation of January, 1905, when the
Home Fleet became the Channel Fleet, he was
appointed to this new command, and Adminis-
trator of all the Fleet in Home Waters. He
reached the rank of Admiral on February 24,
1905, and of Admiral of the Fleet on March
1, 1907.

During these years of high command he
gained a high reputation as a strategist and
tactician, a reputation which his work during
the Naval Manoeuvres of 1901, 1903, and 1906
served to reveal to the general public.
As he has already been pointed out in these
columns, the appointment of an Admiral of the
Fleet to the post of First Sea Lord is of an
unprecedented nature; but, especially in view of
recent controversies as to the administration of
the Navy, the appointment of an officer of the
character and recognised ability of Sir Arthur
Wilson will command that general confidence
which is much needed. —Daily Telegraph.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued
the following report:—

On the 28th at 12.10 p.m.—The barometer
has risen moderately in E. Japan, and fallen
over China particularly in the North.

The anti-cyclonic area is central over Japan,
and probably a depression is approaching
Manchuria from the Westward.

Moderate rain may be expected in the
evening, and fresh to strong monsoon
over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending
at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon
to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood	E. and N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; fine.
Fernos Channal	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoo	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	Same as No. 1.

CHINA IN THE COMMONS.

KOWLOON RAILWAY.

On November 25, Mr. Ginnell asked the
Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies if
he will state on whose recommendation the late
chief British accountant on the Kowloon Rail-
way, recently convicted of embezzlement, was
employed; and, if not known, whether he will
have inquiry made and the person identified,
with a view to holding him if in the service of
the Crown Agents, answerable for the loss
caused by his nomination.

Colonel Seely: The person referred to was
employed on the Chinese section of the railway.
I do not know on whose recommendation he was
employed, and the matter is not one which
concerns either the Crown Agents or the
Colonial Office.

Mr. Ginnell asked the Under-Secretary for
the Colonies whether the Colonial Office has
given its approval to the present proposals for
working the new Kowloon Railway, including a
provision of \$100,000 for traffic expenses, an
expected revenue of \$20,000, and a traffic
manager with £2,000 a year for salary and
allowance; and if he will state on whose recom-
mendation this latter appointment has been
made; and with what staff and what amount of
salaries this railway, 20 miles long, is to be
provided.

Colonel Seely: The proposals for working
the line have not yet been submitted to the
Secretary of State.

BRITISH PROTECTOR OF CHINESE (IPOH).

Mr. Ginnell asked the Under-Secretary for
the Colonies whether he has received an official
report of the case of alleged insult to Mr.
Ridgway, British Protector of Chinese at Ipoh,
in the Malay Peninsula, on Oct. 9 inst., in which
a young Chinaman named An Chuk-fang was
accused of having engaged in his work, as
expressed among his acquaintances as a prisoner,
with gyves upon his wrists, and sentenced to five
years' banishment by the Banishment Court for
the offence of asking the Protector whether he
could read An Chuk-fang's name when written
in Chinese characters; under what law is that
sentence imposed; whether, a few days
earlier at Ipoh, a European British subject was
fined only \$75 for having killed a Chinaman;
whether he is aware that all the Chinese
inhabitants of Ipoh are in terror of the official
who is called their Protector; whether the
Colonial Office has any control over this British
Protector of Chinese, the Banishment Court,
the British public officials and magistrates at
Ipoh, or the laws they administer; and whether
any effort will be made by the Colonial Office
to require in future equal treatment of different
races there.

Colonel Seely: No, sir, we have received no
report on the subject.

THE SIBERIAN ROUTE FOR NEWSPAPERS.

On December 1, Mr. Henniker Henson asked
the Postmaster-General whether he had suc-
ceeded in arranging with the administrators
for the onward and despatch, via the
Siberian route, of newspapers and commercial
papers from this country to the countries of
the Far East at the normal rates for such
countries; and whether he was aware that such
class of mail matter comes over this route from
the Far East at the same rate for newspapers
and commercial papers as if sent *via* Suez or
via America.

Mr. Sydney Buxton, in reply, said: I
regret that it has not yet been possible to
obtain any reduction in the very high
charges for the conveyance of mails by the
Trans-Siberian route from the Russian Govern-
ment. I have therefore felt it my duty, in
connection with other important European post
questions, to submit the case of this
route to letters and postcards.

REGISTRATION OF LETTERS TO THE EAST.

Mr. Henniker Henson asked the Postmaster-
General whether he was aware that special
mail bags were made up every Friday in London
for passengers for India, the East, and Australia,
in the P. and O. and Orient steamships, to be
sent to Brindisi and Naples, and that the
letters, &c., must be registered; why was
registration necessary, in view of the fact that
mail bags from Brisbane, Sydney, and Mel-
bourne were sent overland by the various
Australian Governments to catch the P. and O.
and Orient steamers at Adelaide without being
registered; whether he was aware that postal
officials report that registration was not neces-
sary and would cause no more delay than
ordinary letters for Port Said, Aden, Bombay,
Singapore, or Sydney; and would he take steps
to abolish the inconvenience and expense of
registration of these letters of passengers and
have special mail bags made up addressed to the
captains of the outward steamers.

Mr. Sydney Buxton, in reply, said:—The
arrangement as stated by you has been found
inconvenient. Registration is required to
facilitate the selection of the letters from the
general correspondence for Italy. Without regis-
tration it would not be possible to select
them in time for dispatch by the Indian mail
train.

CHINESE IN TRANSVAAL GOLD-MINES.

Mr. Dundas White asked the Under-
Secretary for the Colonies whether he estimated
to be the number of Chinese who would be
employed in the Transvaal gold mines at
the end of the present year.

Colonel Seely, in reply, said:—About 1,800
Chinese will still be in the Transvaal at the
end of the year.

BRITISH POST OFFICES IN THE FAR EAST.

On 2nd December, Mr. Henniker Henson
asked the Under-Secretary of State for the
Colonies whether he is aware that notices have
been served on the clergymen, missionaries, and
English inhabitants generally at Chiofoo,
Pechow, and other

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

AMIGO, German str., 822, H. Frappon, 28th Dec.—Hohow 26th Dec., Coal and Rice—Jensen & Co.
 APOLLO, British str., 2433, H. V. Reay, 27th Dec.—Mauritius, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 BENJAMIN, British str., 2510, Wallace, 28th Dec.—London 8th Nov., and Singapore 12th Dec., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 BINH HUAN, French str., 984, Chomieu, 27th Dec.—Haiphong 24th Dec., Rice—Lung Leong.
 GOEBEN, German str., 5,150, B. Wilhelm, 28th Dec.—Yokohama 18th Dec., General—Melchers & Co.
 HAIMUN, British str., 636, J. W. Evans, 28th Dec.—Swatow 27th Dec., General—Douglas, Lippitt & Co.
 HANNO, French str., 650, J. Pannier, 28th Dec.—Haiphong, Pukhoi, Hoihow and Quang Chow Wan 23rd Dec., General—A. R. Marty.
 HSIN KONG, Chinese str., 1,262, Hainblin, 27th Dec.—Shanghai 22nd and Swatow 26th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.
 KWANGLO, Chinese str., 28th Dec.—Canton.
 KWANGSO, Chinese str., 1,223, H. Mathias, 27th Dec.—Chinkiang 24th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
 KWANGSO, British str., 1,429, Baker, 28th Dec.—Shanghai 24th and Swatow 27th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 MATHILDE, German str., 831, A. P. Uderup, 28th Dec.—Aijra (Samsa) 5th Dec., General—Jensen & Co.
 PINGHUY, British str., 2,400, Barber, 28th Dec.—Singapore 21st Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
 PRINZ SIGISMUND, German str., 1,200, D. Lenz, 28th Dec.—Kobe 22nd Dec., General—Melchers & Co.
 SHENKING, British str., 28th Dec.—Canton.
 TAIAN MARU, Japanese str., 1,234, Nasu, 28th Dec.—Mojoi 23rd Dec., Coal—Chinese.
 TSHINAV, German str., 1,602, F. Baeking, 28th Dec.—Bangkok 18th Dec., Rice and Meat—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 28th December.
 Denbighshire, British str., for Singapore.
 Goshu, Norwegian str., for Haiphong.
 Goshu, German str., for Europe, etc.
 Hainan, British str., for Swatow.
 J. Diederichsen, Ger. str., for Hoihow.
 Kiang Ping, Chinese str., for Chinkiang.
 Kwangso, British str., for Canton.
 M. Jensen, German str., for Haiphong.
 Takasahi Maru, Japanese str., for Singapore.
 Tjinnah, Dutch str., for Batavia.

DEPARTURES.

28th December.
 CHENAN, British str., for Canton.
 CHONGSHING, British str., for Canton.
 CHONGSHING, British str., for Samarang.
 HAICHING, British str., for Swatow.
 Hsin Kow, Chinese str., for Canton.
 KIANG CHING, Chinese str., for Canton.
 KWANGLO, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 LIENSHING, British str., for Shanghai.
 SHIBETORO MARU, Jap. str., for Takao.
 SIAM, Danish str., for Bangkok.
 SZCHUEN, British str., for Canton.
 TAIAN, British str., for Manila.
 YAMSHING, British str., for Canton.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Kwangso reports: Fresh to strong N.E. monsoon.
 The French str. Binh Huan reports: Strong N.E. wind and heavy sea.
 The British str. Hainan reports: Had moderate Easterly winds and fine clear weather.

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 Hongkong, 23th December, 1909. [1495-1540]

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 For further particulars, apply to
 B. A. HEWETT,
 Superintendent.
 Hongkong, 27th December, 1909. [1]

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1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & REG.	BERTH.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PAIWAN	Brit. str.	—	C. R. Longdon, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at 2 P.M.
LONDON, &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	DELHI	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 8th Jan., at Noon.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & AMSTERDAM	CARDIGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. O. Tyers	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 19th Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DENBIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. Barrett	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	BRIGAVIA	Ger. str.	—	Schwinghammer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th Jan.
HAYRE & HAMBURG VIA STRALSUND, &c.	SENDEMBIA	Ger. str.	—	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th Jan.
HAYRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	—	V. Dehrea	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 15th Jan.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS	INDIEN	Swed. str.	k. w.	—	—	—
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL.	POLYNESIAN	French str.	—	Broc	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of Feb.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Christensen	MELCHERS & Co.	On 4th Jan., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, BREMEN & HAMBURG	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Selmer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th Jan., at D'light
MARSEILLES, HAYRE, COPENHAGEN, &c.	CANTON	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	To-day.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 5th Jan.
MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Bröhner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	PEMBROKESHIRE	Brit. str.	—	R. Hayes	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 25th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ARI MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Feb., at D'light
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIER, GIBRALTAR, &c.	GOEBEN	Ger. str.	—	B. Wilhelm	MELCHERS & Co.	To-day, at Noon.
NEW YORK	BRAEMAR	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow.
NEW YORK	WRAY CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 4th Jan.
NEW YORK	VANDALIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Karberg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 19th Jan.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 13th Jan., at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATTLE VIA JAPAN	SUVERBIO	Brit. str.	—	J. Boyd	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 15th Feb., at Noon
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 8th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, &c.	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan.
TACOMA, B.C. & SEATTLE, &c.	NIKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Saito	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st Jan., at Noon.
TACOMA VIA JAPAN	SEATTLE MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OTO KISEN KAISHA	On 26th Feb., at Noon.
CALLAO, IQUIQUE, &c. VIA JAPAN PORTS, &c.	CHONGSHING	Ger. str.	—	D. Lenz	MELCHERS & Co.	On 31st inst., at D'light
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	1 m.	G. W. Blyde	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 8th Jan., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 8th Jan.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	NIKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Raegener	MELCHERS & Co.	On 8th Jan., at D'light
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	COBLENZ	Ger. str.	—	R. Takeda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Jan., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Wm. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ARI MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Quick despatch.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 1st Jan.
WEIHWAI, CHEFOO & CHINWANTAO	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	C. J. Boston, R.N.	MELCHERS & Co.	On 3rd Jan. P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NEBA	French str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	KINGING	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	TINGSONG	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DERFFLINGER	Ger. str.	—	G. Meiners	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 2nd Jan., at D'light
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 2nd Jan., at D'light
SHANGHAI	ANHU	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan.
SHANGHAI	KWANGSO	Brit. str.	—	F. Wheeler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 6th Jan., at D'light
SHANGHAI	YUENANG	Brit. str.	—	R. Smith	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 6th Jan., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	TOYOMI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Schwinghammer	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 7th Jan.
SHANGHAI	BRIGLIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th Jan., at D'light
SHANGHAI	BUYUN MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. Lindbergh	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 15th Jan.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW	LIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. Powell	MELCHERS & Co.	On 17th Jan.
SHANGHAI	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 21st Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	CHINHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Sachs	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	INDIEN	Dan. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	POOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	TILLIOWING	Dut. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
SWATOW	SOBU MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Sugi	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	On 4th Jan., at 10 A.M.
SWATOW	DAIGI MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	H. Murayama	SHAW, TOMES & Co.	On 31st inst., at 5 P.M.
SWATOW	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. B. Roach	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 4th Jan., at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW	HAIRANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	Hodgins	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 7th Jan., at Noon.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almond	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 8th Jan., at Noon.
MANILA	YUENANG	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Balfour	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
MANILA	TEAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. W. Outbridge	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 31st inst., at Noon.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
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NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIER, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	"GOEBEN" Capt. B. WILHELM	Wed. day, 29th Dec., at Noon
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"DERFFLINGER" Capt. G. MEINERS	About Wed. day, 29th December
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND" Capt. D. LENZ	Friday, 31st Dec., at D'light
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	"COBLENZ" Capt. H. RAEGENER	About Saturday, 8th January.

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 "EMPEROR OF CHINA" SAT., 23rd April.
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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"NERA" Capt. Martin	On 3rd Jan., P.M.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"POLYNESIE" Capt. Broc	On 4th Jan., 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TOURANE" Capt. Bourge	On 17th Jan., P.M.
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 Hongkong, 13th December, 1909. [1512]

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 Hongkong 13th December, 1909. [1513]

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LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PEN- ANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	PALAWAN Capt. C. E. Longden, R.N.R.	2 P.M., 30th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SUMATRA Capt. C. J. Benton	About 1st Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DEVANHA Capt. H. Powell	About 7th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELHI Capt. G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	Noon, 8th Jan.	See Special Advertisement.

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L. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1909.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 30th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 2nd Jan., D'light
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 4th Jan., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 6th Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA	ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK- TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREEMANTLE and PERTH	"CHANGSHA" On 8th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 9th Jan., D'light

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. REDUCED FARES, Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

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FAST SCHEDULE TWIN SCREW STEAMERS "ANHUI" "CHENAN," "CHINHUA" and "LINAN" with excellent accommodation, Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon, leaving Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before Mid-night on SATURDAY, for the SUNDAY Morning sailings. A Co.'s launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 O'clock every SATURDAY Night.

These Steamers Land Passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transhipment at Woosung.

FARE, \$45 SINGLE and \$80 RETURN. TELEPHONE 36.
For Freight or Passage apply to— BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS. 11
Hongkong, 29th December, 1909.

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"TUNGSHANG"	Wedday, 29th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"KINGSING"	Thursday, 30th Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Friday, 31st Dec., Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 31st Dec., 4 P.M.
WUHAIR, CHEFOO & CHINWANTAO	"CHEONGSHING"	Friday, 31st Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Sunday, 2nd Jan., D'light
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Wedday, 5th Jan., Noon.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Wedday, 5th Jan., Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 7th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Friday, 21st Jan., Noon.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

OCCUPYING 24 DAYS.

The Steamers "KUTSANG," "NAMSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 6 days in Japan. If passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

* Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang.

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Telephone No. 216, Sui. Exch. 4.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., GENERAL MANAGERS. 16
Hongkong, 29th December, 1909.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING
"HAIMUN"	SWATOW	WED'DAY, 29th Dec., at 10 A.M.
"HAITAN"	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW.	THURSDAY, 30th Dec., at 10 A.M.
"HAIYANG"	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 4th Jan., at 10 A.M., 1910.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

For Freight and Passage apply to—

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1909.

CHINA AND MANILA

STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	On 31st Dec., 5 P.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	On 8th Jan., Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to
Hongkong, 29th December, 1909.SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers. 14

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE HAMBURG.

EAST ASIATIC FREIGHT SERVICE.

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES,
via STRAITS and COLOMBO,
to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

TAKING Cargo at Through Rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Marseilles, Genoa, and other Mediterranean, Levantine, Black Sea and Baltic Ports,
and all North and South American Ports
Also via Aden or Port Said, by the Company's "Arabian and Persian Service" to Arabian and Persian Gulf Ports.

NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.

For SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA:

S.S. BRASILIA	5th Jan.
S.S. SEGOVIA	15th Jan.
S.S. SAMBIA	22nd Febr.
S.S. ANDALUSIA	9th Febr.
S.S. SAKONTA	17th Febr.
S.S. C. FELD LAETISZ	27th Febr.
S.S. AMBRIA	12th March.

Further Particulars, apply to—

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909.

Hongkong Office. 12

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR

CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, ETC., VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA,
HONOLULU, MANZANILLO and SALINA CRUZ (MEXICO).

1910.

S.S. KIYO MARU	9,500 tons gross	Sail Feb. 26th, at Noon.
S.S. BUZO MARU	5,000	April 27th, at Noon.
S.S. AMERICA MARU	6,000	" "

For particulars apply to

N. YAMADA, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, King's Building. 462

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	TANGO MARU Capt. A. Christensen	8,000	WED'DAY, 5th Jan., at Daylight.
	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer	9,000	WED'DAY, 19th Jan., at Daylight.
	AKI MARU Capt. K. Sato	7,000	WED'DAY, 2nd Feb., at Daylight.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (INABA MARU leaving Hongkong 8th Jan., due Kobe 15th Jan., connects)	AWA MARU Capt. A. Keith	6,500	WED'DAY, 19th Jan., from YOKOHAMA.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (NIKKO MARU leaving Hongkong 19th Jan., due Kobe 25th & Yokohama 27th Jan., connects)	SANUKI MARU Capt. K. Homma	6,500	SATURDAY, 29th Jan., from KOBE.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	FRIDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon.
	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	THURSDAY, 17th Febr., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	TOTOMI MARU Capt. E. Smith	4,500	TUESDAY, 4th January.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	INABA MARU Capt. R. Takada	6,500	SATURDAY, 9th Jan., at Daylight.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	ATSUTA MARU Capt. Wm. Thompson	9,000	FRIDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	WED'DAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.

* Fitted with New System of Wireless Telegraphy. † Cargo only. * Carries Deck Passengers.

† Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by Rail. From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. KUSUMOTO,
MANAGER. 15

Hongkong, 29th December, 1909.

THOS. COOK & SON, TOURIST, STEAMSHIP & FORWARDING AGENTS, BANKERS, &c.

CHIEF OFFICE—LUDGATE CIRCUS, LONDON, E.C.
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FOREIGN MONIES exchanged.

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PLAYS of 1910.

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16, DES VOEUX ROAD,
HONGKONG.Japan Office—
14, WATER STREET
YOKOHAMA

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN

REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIMAHU	JAPAN	Second half of Dec.	JAVA	Second half of Dec.
TJIKINI	JAPAN	First half of Jan.	JAVA	First half of Jan.
TJIPANAS	JAPAN	First half of Jan.	JAVA	First half of Jan.
TJIBODAS	JAPAN	First half of Jan.	JAPAN	Second half of Jan.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	First half of Jan.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Jan.
TJILIWONG	JAVA	First half of Jan.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Jan.

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian Ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Yok Buildings, 1st Floor.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1909.

Telephone No. 375.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration.)

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

Connecting at TACOMA with

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE and PUGET SOUND RAILWAY

AND

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE and ST. PAUL RAILWAY.

(The only direct train service, without transhipment, also shortest and fastest route from the Pacific Coast to Chicago). Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the U.S.A. and Canada, also to the principal ports in Mexico, Central and South America.

FOR	STEAMERS	Tons (Gross reg.)	LEAVES.
TACOMA VIA MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"SEATTLE MARU" Capt. T. Saito	6,182	FRIDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon 1910.

The Co.'s Newly Built Steamers have fair speed. Superior accommodation for stowage Passengers situated AMIDSHIP. A limited number of Cabin Passengers carried at Low Rates. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels. Special attention given towards Express connection.

HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS & FORMOSA SERVICE

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVES.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW, & AMOY	"DAIGI MARU" Capt. M. MURAYAMA	SUNDAY, 2nd Jan., at 10 A.M.
ANPING VIA SWATOW, & AMOY	"SOSHU MARU" Capt. K. Sugi	WED'DAY, 5th Jan., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	"BUJUN MARU" Capt. Y. FUSENO	THURSDAY 6th Jan., at Daylight.

Fair Speed. Superior Passenger Accommodation. Electric Light throughout. First Class Cuisine. The Newly Built Steamers "CHOSHUN MARU" and "BUJUN MARU" have First Class Cabins AMIDSHIP.

For information of Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

T. ARIMA,
MANAGER

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1910.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

FOR

MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.

THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS to COLOMBO	Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
Steamer Tons	1 P.M. SATURDAY	Steamer Tons	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
ARCADIA 7000	February 5	MANITUA 11000	March 5	March 11
ASSAYE 7500	February 19	CHINA 8000	March 19	March 25
DELTA 8000	March 5	MALWA 11000	April 2	April 8
MACEDONIA 10500	March 19	(Through Steamer calling at Bombay)	April 16	April 22
DEVANHA 8000	April 2	MONGOLIA 10600	April 30	May 6
ASSAYE 8000	April 16	MARMORA 10500	May 14	May 20
DELTA 7500	April 30	MOREA 11000	May 28	June 3
DELHI 8000	May 14	MOOLTAN 10600	June 12	June 18

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.

Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at the time of Booking.

FARES TO LONDON (Including Surtax):

1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE. £106.14 RETURN.

2nd " 54.83 " 87.12 "

In addition to the above, Mail Steamers the following—

INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSHIPMENT) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON.

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	Leave HONGKONG	Due LONDON
* SYRIA 6500	January about	26 March about
* SUMATRA 6500	February 9	9 March 26
* NYANZA 6700	February 23	9 April 9
* SUNDA 6470	March 23	7 May 7
* MALTA 6050	April 20	4 June 4
* SARDINIA 6370	May 4	18 June 18
* NORE 6700	May 18	2 July 2

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES

FARES TO LONDON (Including Surtax):

1st SALOON £55.0 SINGLE. £82.10 RETURN.

2nd " 33.10 " 57.4 "

* Carry 1st and 2nd Saloon Passengers.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

E. A. HEWETT,
SUPERINTENDENT

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EAST ASIATIC CO., LD. COPENHAGEN, SINGAPORE, BANGKOK & SHANGHAI RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC CO., LD., ST. PETERSBURG & VLADIVOSTOK. SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LD. GOTHENBURG.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, COPENHAGEN and BALTIC PORTS	"CANTON"	About 5th Jan., 1910.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"INDIEN"	On 17th Jan.,
COPENHAGEN and BALTIC PORTS	"INDIEN"	Middle of Febr.,

For Further Particulars apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
AGENTS. 6

Hongkong, 11th December, 1909.

GEBRUEDERSCHUSTER MARKNEUKIRCHEN.

VIOLINS, VIOLAS, VIOLINCELLOS, GUITARS, LUTES,
MANDOLINES, OF EXCELLENT QUALITY.

FOR PARTICULARS, CATALOGUES AND SAMPLES APPLY TO THE SOLE
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HUGO C. A. FROMM,
HONGKONG: 4, QUEEN'S BUILDING. TELEPHONE 960.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN
Route to EUROPE.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.
On Saturday, the 1st, and on Monday, the 3rd of January, 1910, the office will be open from 8 till 9 a.m. In the event of the arrival of the French Mail from Europe on the 3rd January, the Post Office will open for one hour only for the delivery thereof.
There will be one delivery and one collection of letters on Sunday, and the Money Order Office will be entirely closed on the above dates.

Postal Guides for the Year 1910, are now on sale ... 50 cents each.

The following despatches of Siberian Mails are cancelled.—Despatches leaving Shanghai on January 16th, 23rd and 30th.
The Siberian mail will in future be sent from Shanghai to Dally via Chifou if no steamer is available from Shanghai to Dally direct.

The *Derflinger* with the German Mail of the 1st inst., left Singapore on Saturday, the 25th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, a.m.
The *Nova*, with the French mail of the 3rd December, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 4th Jan., at a.m. This packet brings replied to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 30th October.

FOR	PER	DATE.
Swatow	Hainan	Wednesday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.
Batavia, Samarang and Sourabaya	Tjauhi	Wednesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
		Wednesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
		Printed Matter and Samples ... 10.00 A.M.
		Registration ... 10.00 A.M.
		(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.00 A.M.)
		Registration, Kowloon ... 10.00 A.M.
		No late fee ... 11.00 A.M.
		Letters ... 11.00 A.M.
		Wednesday, 29th, 1.15 P.M.
		Wednesday, 29th, 2.00 P.M.
		Wednesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
		Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
		Thursday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
		Thursday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.

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WINE AND PROVISION MERCHANTS.

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TO-DAY.
10 A.M.—Auction of Naval & Victualling Stores by Messrs. Hughes & Hough.
Noon—Twenty-Third Ordinary Annual Meeting, Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.
9 P.M.—Bandman No. 1 Comedy Co. at Theatre Royal—Facing the Music.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.
Thursday, 30th December—Auction of the late Countess "Rio Lima," Messrs. Hughes & Hough.
Thursday, 30th Dec.—Extraordinary General Meeting, China Light and Power Co., Ltd.
Saturday, 1st January—Fifth Annual Sports of Children's Races, Kowloon Cricket Club.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China str. *Kumang* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Derflinger*, carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 1st inst., left Singapore on the 24th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow a.m.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Coblenz* left Sydney on Thursday, the 16th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 7th prox.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* left Vancouver for Hongkong on the 18th inst. a.m., via the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The *Doddwell's* New York Line str. *Wray* Castle left Karatsu on the 25th inst., and may be expected to arrive in Hongkong to-morrow.
The str. *Knight of Thistle* left Tacoma on the 18th inst. for Yokohama, Kobe, Moji, Hongkong and Manila.

The Bank Line str. *Oceanic* left Vancouver on the 21st inst. for Hongkong via Japan ports.
The P. & O. str. *Sunbeam* left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst., at 3 p.m., and is due here on the 31st inst., at about 4 p.m.

The Danish str. *Indra* left Port Said on the 20th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 17th prox.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

KOWLOON DOCK.—H.M.F.M.S. *Rainha*
Amelia, *Blary*, *Rio Lima*, *Zafiro*, *Robert*, *Lebanon*, *Buenos Aires*.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—*Pheasant*.

TAIKOO DOCK.—*Wuhu*, *Manchuria*, *Kwai-yang*, *Kueichow*, *Wenchow*, *Shantung*, *Kochi*, *chang*.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 28th.

ON LONDON:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/16
Bank Bills, on demand	1/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/16
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/16
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/16
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/10
ON PARIS:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	2264
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2302
ON GENEVA:—	
On demand	184
ON NEW YORK:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	43
Credits, at 60 days' sight	45
ON BOMBAY:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1334
Bank, on demand	1334
ON CALCUTTA:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1334
Bank, on demand	1334
ON SHANGHAI:—	
Bank, at sight	75
Private, 30 days' sight	75
ON YOKOHAMA:—On demand	88
ON MANILA:—On demand—Pesos—	88
ON SINGAPORE:—On demand	76
ON BATAVIA:—On demand	108
ON HAIPHONG:—On demand	8
ON SAIGON:—On demand	8
ON BANGKOK:—On demand	85
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.10
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tozel	\$57.50
SILVER, per tozel	24

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese	20 cents pieces	\$7.57 discount.
Chinese	10	\$8.30
Hongkong	20	\$6.68
Hongkong	10	\$6.00

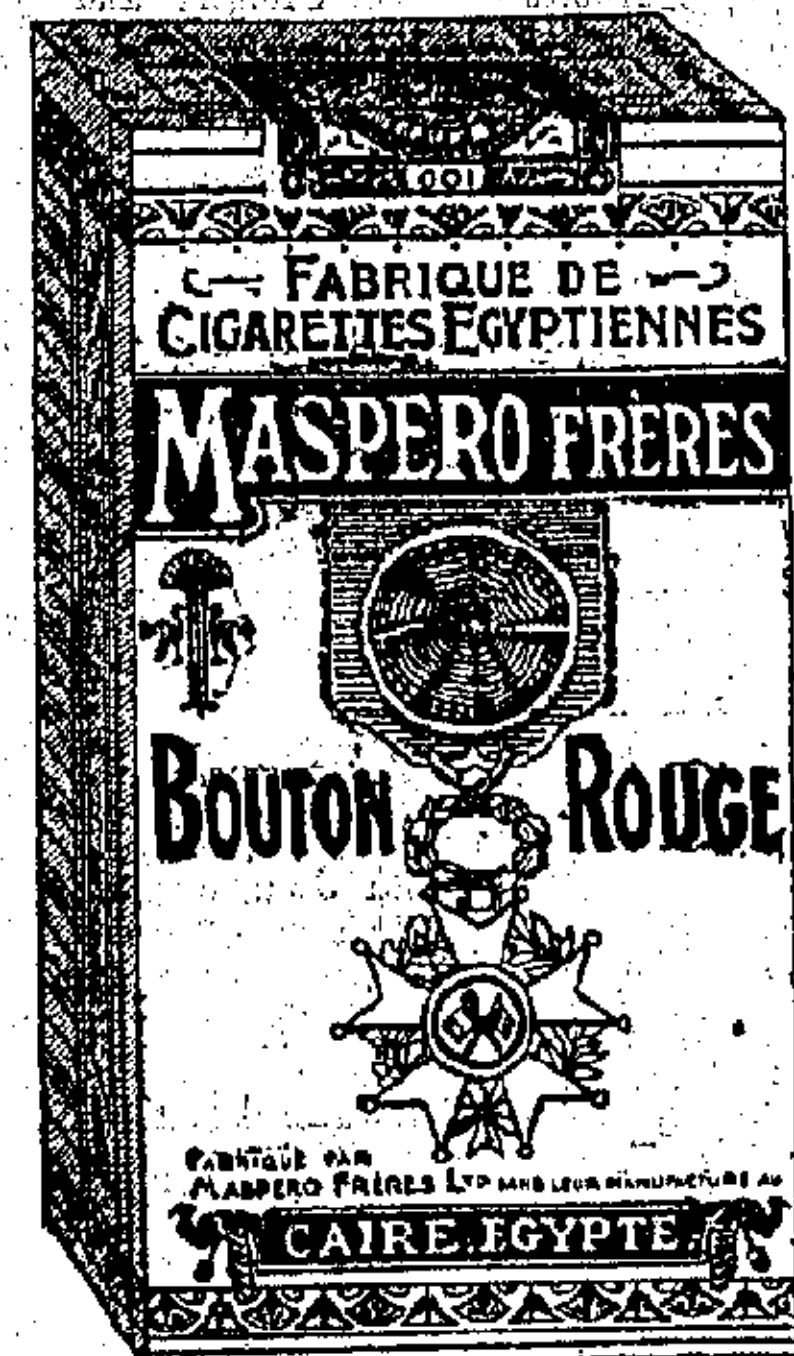
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Quotations are:—	
Malwa New	\$1,370/1,400 per picul.
Malwa Old	\$1,410/1,450
Malwa Older	\$1,460/1,470
Malwa V. Old	\$1,460/1,470
Perian fine quality	\$1,100/1,200
Perian extra fine	\$1,250/1,300
Patna New	\$1,430 per chest.
Patna Old	\$1,415
Benares New	\$1,445
Benares Old	—

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AT \$4.20 AND \$2.80 PER 100
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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 28TH, 1909.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTA- TIONS CASH.
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$997, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	\$65, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$10, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$124, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$1, buyers
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.50, sellers
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 135.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 73.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 110.
Loon-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 425.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 425.
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$5	\$16, sellers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—				
Hkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$61, sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$51, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$64	\$64	\$9, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 76.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	35,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 129.
Kenwick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$11, sellers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$7.
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$210, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$20, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$77, sal. & buy.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	\$25	\$45, sal. & buy.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$180, sellers
INSURANCES.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$145.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$25	\$118, sellers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$82, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$370, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$215	\$25	Tls. 112.
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,000	\$250	\$100	\$890.
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$230.
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$102, sal. & sel.
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$50	\$50	\$30, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$120.
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	\$50, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$44, sellers
MINING.—				
Societe Francaise des Charbons de Tonkin	16,000	Per. 250	all	\$625, buyers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	18/10	\$64, sellers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$134, sellers
Philippines Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$130, sellers
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$156, buyers
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	\$50	\$21, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50, buyers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$8, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	\$15	\$32, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$25	all	\$42.5, L'don
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$25	all	\$20.5, J & S. 10.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	\$7.9, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$26, buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$25	\$144, sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$24, buyers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10, sales
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$3, sellers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$5, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, buyers
Weismann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$4	\$12, sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$10	\$300.
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 fliers	\$10	\$10	\$10, sellers
RUBBERS.—				
Balgovins	—	—	—	\$80 (Sta.)
Pegohs	—	—	—	\$22
Regallas	—	—	—	\$25
Anglo-Malays	—	—	—	14/6
Castlefields, fully paid	—	—	—	53/-
Consolidated Malays	—	—	—	\$6-6, buyers
Damansaus	—	—	—	\$4-0, buyers
Highlands and Lowlands	—	—	—	64/-
Kanunings	—	—	—	3/2 prem.
Kuala Lumpur	—	—	—	5/2, buyers
Ledbury's	—	—	—	49/-
Linggis	—	—	—	25/-
Sapongs	—	—	—	26/6, buyers
Shelfords	—	—	—	30/-
Sungei-pas Ka	—	—	—	71/-, sellers

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.

VERNON & SMYTH, Share-Brokers.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "OCEANIAN."
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London
ex s.s. "Medoa," and "Matapan," from
Havre ex s.s. "Matapan," from Bordeaux ex s.s.
"Ville de Dunkerque," in connection with above
Steamer are hereby informed that their goods
with the exception of Treasure and Valuables
are being landed and stored at their risks into the
hazardous and/or extra hazardous Go-
downs of the Hongkong-Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignee
before 10 A.M., To-day, requesting it to be
landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after
Wednesday, the 29th inst., at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 29th inst., or they will not be recognized.
All damaged packages will be examined on
Wednesday, the 29th inst., at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. THOMAS,

Agent.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [2]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"DELHI."

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at THEIR RISK in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex s.s. "Mooltan" and
"Egypt."

From Australia, ex s.s. "Moldavia."

From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and
B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
intimations are given to the contrary within
6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 30th inst., at 4 P.M.,
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me
in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Go-
downs for examination by the Consignee's and
the Company's representative at an appointed
hour. All claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here, after which
date they cannot be recognized. No claims will
be admitted after the Goods have left the
Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1909. [1]

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SUVERIC."

FROM SEATTLE, TACOMA, VAN-
COUVER, YOKOHAMA, KOBE
AND MOBI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1909. [8]

AUTOMATIC BROWNING POCKET PISTOLS.

CALIBRE 7.65 mm.
With CHAMBER for 8 CARTRIDGES
FIRING 8 SHOTS IN 2 SECONDS.
HONGKONG, 6th March, 1907.

SINGON & CO.

IRON, STEEL, METAL AND HARD-
WARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale
and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and
Foundry Coke Importers. General Store-
keepers and Shipchangers. Nos. 35 & 37, HING
LOONG STREET, (2nd Street, west of Central
Market) Telephone No. 515. 1595

LABUAN COAL.

NOTICE.—THIS COAL can only be
obtained from THE LABUAN COAL
FIELDS CO., Ltd., who are prepared to Supply
FRESH COAL at special rates from the Mine
Steamers load the Wharves. Quick despatch
Telegrams: "Labor Labuan."

BRADLEY & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1909. [1406]

MUNZER & FILS, BORDEAUX.

CLARETS AND COGNACS.

FOR AGENCY APPLY TO

HUGO C. A. FROMM,

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